

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Thursday, 10, and Friday, 11 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe (Zambia). The meeting will address the overall theme of “Coherence, coordination and cooperation on Financing for Development”.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Thursday, 10 March. Following a short opening plenary with brief statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and other senior officials, there will be four consecutive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Financial support for development efforts of least developed countries: Development finance, including innovative mechanisms, aid for trade and debt relief (Thursday, 10 March, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Financial support for development efforts of middle-income countries: Development cooperation, trade, capital flows, policy space and reserve system (Thursday, 10 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 3: Follow-up to the 2010 MDG Summit outcome: Building the global partnership for development, including in response to new challenges and emerging issues (Friday, 11 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 4: The role of the United Nations system in global economic governance (Friday, 11 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.).

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (room IN-622; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2170; fax 1 (212) 963-0443).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the four thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have no list of speakers in advance. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting will be available on the following Web site: <<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2011/>>.